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SUBJECT:34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: CHILE

BASED ON U.S. CO-SPONSORSHIP, USDEL SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING
EXPLANATION OF VOTE AFTER ADOPTION OF GENERAL RESOLUTION
ON CHILE:

BEGIN TEXT USDEL CO-SPONSORED AND SUPPORTED THE RESO-
LUTION WHICH HAS JUST BEEN ADOPTED ON CHILE, BECAUSE WE
BELIEVE THE RESOLUTION EXPRESSES THE SERIOUS CONCERN OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OVER THE CONTINUING HUMAN RIGHTS
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SITUATION IN CHILE. MY DELEGATION HAS ATTEMPTED, WITH SOME
SUCCESS, OVER THE PAST WEEK TO MAKE THE RESOLUTION A USEFUL
AND ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENT, WHICH WILL PROMOTE OUR OVERALL
GOAL IN CHILE--TO WORK FOR CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE
HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THERE. IN THAT CONTEXT, WE WERE
PLEASED THAT THE RESOLUTION TOOK NOTE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION'S REPORT ON CHILE. WE WERE ALSO
SED THAT THE RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGED POSITIVE DEVELOP-
S IN THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION
IN CHILE, SPECIFICALLY, THE DECREASED NUMBER OF POLITICAL
PRISONERS AND REPORTED CASES OF TORTURE AND DETAINEES
UNDER THE STATE OF SEIGE. IN THE HOPE OF FINDING A WAY OUT
OF THE CURRENT IMPASSE BETWEEN THE WORKING GROUP AND THE

GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO SEE THE
RESOLUTION INCLUDE IMPROVED PROCEDURAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR
CHILE TO COOPERATE WITH THE WORKING GROUP IN ITS DELIBER-
ATIONS. IT WOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE
ESTABLISHED A MORE PRECISE MANDATE FOR OUR WORKING GROUP.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE USG TO CONTINUE TO WORK
FOR SPECIFIC PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION'S WORKING GROUP WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
VISIT CHILE. THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN SERIOUS PRIVATE
DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA AMONG HRC MEMBERS ON THE PROCEDURES
FOR EFFECTING A VISIT BY THE WORKING GROUP. WE WILL
CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS AND TO PRESS
FOR ACTIONS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS SO THAT ALL CHILEANS
WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. VANCE

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